Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination of the above-identified patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-noted Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the present application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency in fees in connection with the subject patent application to our Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

The Specification has also been amended to indicate that the present application is a national phase application based upon priority International PCT Patent Application No. PCT/PL03/000099, filed October 1, 2003, International Publication No. WO 2004/031204 A2, published April 15, 2004, which is based upon priority Polish Application No. P35465 filed October 4, 2002. The Specification has also been amended to include the section headings specified in the U.S Patent Office Rules, 37 CFR 1.77.

A Substitute Specification is enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.125(b). The substitute specification contains no new matter. The headings and format of the Specification have been amended to comply with U.S. Patent Office Rule 37 CFR 1.77.

Claims 1-23 were pending prior to this Amendment.

Claims 7, 12-14, 17-18, and 21 were amended. In particular claims 7 and 12-14 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies.

New claim 24 has been added.

Claims 1-24 are now pending for consideration of the Examiner.

Examination and allowance of the subject U.S. patent application is respectfully requested.

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